

EDITORIAL

Enough Is Sufficient

Narberth is a community of homes. It is the prototype of the American village. Only a few miles from one of the great cities of the world, it yet has retained through the years the charm—yes, and the slightly smug complacency—of the self-sufficient, proud little town that is the hallmark of America.

Generation has followed generation into "Pop" Davis' general store, to catch up on local gossip and pass the time of day with its neighbors. Generation has followed generation to the polls to turn in sturdy Republican majorities. Generation after generation has climbed aboard the inbound Paoli local in the morning, returned by the same route in the afternoon.

Some might call this insularity. We do not wholly agree. True, Narberth has not fully realized its potentialities. With the fast-paced development of new residential sections on its every border Narberth could have become a thriving business community, supplying the goods and services required by the new residents of Wynnewood and Penn Valley.

We have always felt that that would have been a good thing for Narberth. But perhaps we were wrong. Perhaps it would have spoiled the atmosphere of the village. Perhaps too much development—or the wrong kind of development—is worse than too little.

Certainly we do not feel that the type of development represented by the proposed establishment of another taproom in the Borough is the right kind of development for our community.

Not that we have anything against the gentleman from New York who wants to start a taproom on Essex Ave. We have never met him and know nothing about him. Quite possibly he would operate a model establishment.

But the Borough, with four taprooms, has no need of another. In the central district alone, those who wish to drink are adequately provided for by the quiet, well-mannered establishments operated by Mr. Shea and Mr. Chios.

For a town the size of Narberth the number of taprooms is quite sufficient. For those who want larger, brighter and gaudier drinking places, it is not far to travel to Philadelphia.

We are quite in accord with the Borough residents who wish to preserve the status quo insofar as taprooms are concerned.

Unromantic Fire Damages Vines

Wisteria Was to Serve As Wedding Background

An unromantic fire which damaged a garage at the home of Dr. Stuart Mudd, 34 Millbrook Lane, Haverford, Tuesday night, also destroyed many of the wisteria vines covering the roof and nearby apple trees.

The vines, long noted for their beauty, were to have acted as part of the background for an evening wedding reception, September 18, following the marriage of the Mudds' daughter, Emily, to William Crothers, of Canada, a Haverford College student.

Damage in the fire was estimated at \$2,500.

The fire was discovered by Joanne Crothers, of 748 Millbrook Lane, who with Miss Mudd and other neighbors was watching a television show at the home of Mrs. Mudd's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jenney, The Jenney home, at 625 Haydock Lane, adjoins the rear of the Mudd property.

Of undetermined origin, according to Oakmont Fire Chief Robert Orr, the fire started in a one-story wooden shed and quickly spread to the adjoining two-story stucco and frame garage. Two cars were immediately removed by Jenney. They were not damaged.

Firemen from the Oakmont Company, assisted by the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore and the Bryn Mawr Fire Company, fought the blaze for more than an hour and a half.

Former Teacher Files Petition Against L. Merion School Board

After a delay of nearly a month, members of the Lower Merion Township School Board were served with notices that court proceedings were filed against them by Mrs. Katherine Cary, former third-grade teacher at the Bala School.

Mrs. Cary, discharged in the middle of a class period last February by action of the Board, went to Court in June in an attempt to get her job back. However, her petition was declared misfiled by Montgomery County Court officials and dismissed.

At that time, James J. Regan, Jr., one of the attorneys retained by Mrs. Cary, stated that the error in filing the petition was minor and would be corrected by changing the name of the action from complaint to petition.

The petition named each of the nine individual members of the Board as defendants and asked that the school district revoke its retirement resolution passed February 16 against Mrs. Cary, and also that the school district reinstate her in her former teaching position and pay her back salary from March until such time as court action is taken on the case.

The petition was filed the latter part of June, and several days later, Abraham D. Hall, Montgomery County Deputy Prothonotary, stated that it was filed as the wrong kind of petition.

465 Register In First 3 Days Of Peace Draft

Women Volunteers Help Board; Other Assistants Are Needed

The first three days of the peacetime draft brought a registration of 465 Lower Merion, Narberth and West Conshohocken men, it was disclosed today. At the same time, Superintendent of Schools Frank A. Dubois appealed for additional volunteers to help with the registration.

So far, five women, four of them wives of Lower Merion high school teachers, have been aiding Mrs. Sadie C. Lewis, chief registrar for the local board, in registering the 25- and 24-year-olds at board headquarters in the War Memorial Building, Bryn Mawr.

However, Dubois said yesterday that more help is urgently needed as the present assistants are being overworked. He asked that volunteers call him at his office, Ardmore 1600.

The five assistants include Mrs. Paul Keever, whose husband is a chemistry teacher in the Lower Merion Senior High School; Mrs. Charles Hutton, whose husband teaches history in the senior high; Mrs. John M. Fetter, wife of Merion Square Elementary School's principal.

Also Mrs. Edward S. Snow, wife of the principal of Ardmore Junior High School; and Mrs. William C. Gordon, Jr., of 203 Avon Rd., Merion, who offered her services in order to help out the teachers.

According to the report, the first to register at draft headquarters Monday morning was David E. Bassett, 25, of 118 Highland Ave., Cynwyd. He, along with about seven other 25-year-olds, arrived shortly after 7:30 A. M.

Monday's total of 141 registrants was distributed fairly evenly throughout the day, according to Mrs. Lewis, and the board closed promptly at 5 P. M. Tuesday, however, with 157 men signing up, the doors stayed open until 6:30 P. M. On Wednesday, the count was 167.

The remaining days for registration from Friday on are as follows: September 3, men born in 1924; September 4 and 7, those born in 1925; September 8 and 9, those born in 1926; September 10 and 11, those born in 1927; September 13 and 14, those born in 1928; September 15 and 16, those born in 1929; September 17 and 18, those born in 1930 before September.

Cynwyd Woman To Head Drive

Mrs. Austin Named To Opera Fund Campaign

Mrs. J. Harold Austin, of 464 State Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, has accepted the chairmanship of the Bala-Cynwyd division of the American Opera Company Campaign Fund, it was announced this week.

The campaign, sponsored by music patrons in Philadelphia and its suburbs, will be conducted to provide financial support for the company.

Commenting on the company which is noted for its presentation of the classics and contemporary works in England, Mrs. Austin said, "Such performances create American singers whose careers thus are not dependent largely upon European experience. Because of its truly American nature, American opera deserves the support of all music lovers."

Performances scheduled by the American Opera Company for its season at the Academy of Music are Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" on December 1st; Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" on February 2nd; Puccini's "La Boheme" on March 23.

Bids Awarded By School Directors

Lower Merion Township School Directors Monday afternoon awarded bids totaling \$7,757.50 to five local and out-of-town concerns for fertilizer, grass seed and other material to be used in the grading of two school tracts.

The meeting was called especially for the opening and awarding of bids and there was no other business transacted. The next regular board meeting will be held September 20.

The Smedley & Mehl Co., 200 W. Montgomery Ave., Ardmore, received a \$1,187.50 contract for 365 cubic yards of coarse sand. Other bids were awarded to the following:

O. W. H. Corson, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, Pa., thirteen and a half tons of agricultural limestone, \$91.13; O. M. Scott & Sons Co., Marysville, Ohio, 930 pounds of grass seed, \$446.40; Mitchell's Seed House, Philadelphia, 75 pounds of grass seed, \$36.

Also the Lawn and Supply Co., Philadelphia, which was awarded four contracts totaling \$5,996.47. They include 12,100 pounds of 20 percent super phosphate, \$178.59; 780 cubic yards of organic material, \$5,459; 6,185 pounds of fertilizer, \$124.79; and 300 pounds of grass seed, \$304.25.



SIGNING UP AGAIN. David E. Bassett, 25, a veteran of three years' service with the U. S. Army, was one of the first 25-year-olds to register when the Nation's peacetime draft opened Monday morning. He is shown signing up at the headquarters of the Bryn Mawr Draft Board in the War Memorial Building, with the assistance of Mrs. Sadie C. Lewis, chief registrar. Bassett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bassett, of 118 Highland Ave., Bala, is a graduate of Haverford School and Haverford College and is now a sophomore in the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He served during the war as a combat medical aide with a rifle company of the 84th division and saw 15 months' service in the European theater. He enlisted in the Army Reserve Corps while a student at Haverford College and went into active service in 1942.

Rotarians Hear Dr. F. M. Purse

Applauds Work of Child Welfare Agencies

Dr. F. Munro Purse, of 127 Elmwood Ave., Narberth, osteopathic pediatrician, spoke to the members of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Club at their Tuesday meeting on "Carefully Chosen Children." Dr. Purse was introduced by the Rev. Robert Middleton, chairman of the day.

In his talk on adopting children, Dr. Purse explained why there are children to be adopted, and why many married couples wish to adopt children. Illegitimacy, financial reverses, and the death of the parents are the primary reasons for placing children under adoption, he stated, and they are adopted not only by couples who want children and cannot have them, but also as a help in preventing divorce, or to cure nervousness or wayward tendencies on the part of a wife or husband.

Dr. Purse, who is the father of an adopted boy and girl, stressed that children be told at an early age that they are adopted, a practice which the Child Welfare Agencies insist upon. The agencies also train parents to answer questions such as "Where is my mother?" and "Can I ever see her?" as soon as they are asked.

The established child welfare agencies, said Dr. Purse, have made extensive studies of adoption situations, and take every precaution to place the right child in the right home. They examine the background of the child and of the proposed home, and choose a child whose physical characteristics and personality will complement that of the parents.

Guests at the meeting included Ben Hubely, of Philadelphia; Dr. David Horn, Clarence Meyers, and Walter Rosenzweig, all of Ardmore; and Denman Barkman, of Wayne.

Dr. Franklin Duncombe Returns From Vacation

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Duncombe, pastor of the Bala-Cynwyd Methodist Church, will return to his pulpit at the 11 A. M. Worship Service, Sunday, September 5. There will be Holy Communion at the service.

Dr. and Mrs. Duncombe and their daughter, Georgene Van Seiver, returned Tuesday to their home, 314 Levering Mill Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, after a three weeks' visit at Lake Mohonk, Ulster County, N. Y.

There will be classes for all ages as the Bible School opens for the fall term. The Frank E. Baker Men's Bible Class will meet at the usual time and place.

Residents Endangered by Blasting; Want Regulations to Protect Homes

Cynwyd Estates and West Manayunk residents will probably petition Lower Merion Township commissioners for legislation to protect their homes from any damaging effects caused by quarry blasting, it was learned this week.

The action, if taken, will be an outgrowth of explosions in the McCabe Bros. quarry, Rockhill Rd., Cynwyd Estates, Friday morning, which shook the township from City Ave. to Villanova, allegedly damaged some of the homes and threw a 30-pound rock 500 yards through a wooded area into the front yard of a West Manayunk home.

Before taking any action, a spokesman said yesterday, the residents will consult an attorney for an opinion as to the legal powers of the township in a case of this sort, and also as to possible court procedure.

In the meantime, township officials, who for the past two or three years have been studying possible quarry blasting regulations over and above the present relatively minor ones, are investigating a more comprehensive curbs which have been in effect in neighboring Haverford Township since 1936.

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Services to be Held for Pfc. Charles W. Haywood

Funeral services for Pfc. Charles William Haywood, of 217 Wayne Ave., Narberth, who was killed in a plane crash near Ansbach, Germany, November 27, 1945, will be held at 2 P. M. Wednesday, September 8, in Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Meyer, Va.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Haywood, his body was recently returned to this country aboard the U. S. Army Transport Lawrence Victory. He was serving with the 8th Air Force at the time of his death.

Ignore Heat in Voter Roundup

Hope to Have 10,000 More Registered

Republican committee people and workers in Lower Merion Township defied the heat this week to stage the most scientific and intensive registration drive in the history of the township.

The workers are provided with the latest available street lists, taken from the Montgomery County registration records. In addition they have lists of all those who have registered to vote since the street lists were made up and also lists of all new home owners in the township.

By cross-checking the three lists, it was predicted by Robert L. Zullinger, of Merion, chairman of the registration drive, the workers should be able to reach every eligible voter in the township in time to get him registered by September 11, deadline for registration for the Presidential election on November 2.

Aim of the gigantic GOP registration drive is an additional 10,000 voters. Republicans now registered in the township total 22,000.

Workers are urging those who have not yet registered to go to the Lower Merion High School gymnasium on next Wednesday, September 8, when the full county registration board of 22 members will sit from 2 to 9 P. M. They are emphasizing the convenience of registering at that time, as there is plenty of parking space and no steps to climb.

If it is impossible to get there, voters may enroll any time up until noon on September 11 at the Courthouse in Norristown.

NARBERTH GIRL HONORED

Joyce A. Boardman, of 610 Shady Lane, Narberth, was one of 31 Middebury College students to be awarded Dean's List Honors for obtaining a scholastic average of 85 or above during the last semester of the 1947-48 academic year.

2 Lower Merion Polio Victims

Names Are Withheld By Health Officials

Two more Lower Merion residents were reported as victims of infantile paralysis this week, but health officials reversed the former practice of releasing their names.

A 25-year-old Penn Wynne girl became ill August 8 and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where her case was diagnosed August 23 as polio. Hers was the sixth case that occurred in the township.

A 12-year-old Merion boy, who became ill while in Atlantic City August 16, was brought to Bryn Mawr Hospital August 28 and his case was diagnosed as polio the following day. Because he became ill while away, his case is not counted in the statistics prepared by the Lower Merion Township Board of Health.

G. Earle Thompson, secretary, declined to release the names or addresses of the polio victims, declaring the Board had established a rule against this practice.

W. P. Landis, president of the Board, said he could not recall if any official action had been taken on the matter, but such action had been discussed on the grounds that the publicity was unfair to the polio victims and tended to create a scare in their neighborhoods.

Other members of the board could not be reached at press time. Robert J. Thomas, health officer, was on vacation.

Two cases of measles and one of mumps were reported.

Eye Specialist Succumbs at 72

Dr. H. Maxwell Langdon Lived in Hvd. 20 Years

Funeral services for Dr. H. Maxwell Langdon, of Grays Lane, Haverford, who died Saturday while returning from his summer home in New Hampshire, were held Tuesday afternoon from his home. He was 72.

A prominent Philadelphia eye specialist, Dr. Langdon had lived in Haverford for the past 20 years. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and also studied at the Royal London Ophthalmological Hospital.

He was professor of Ophthalmology at Jefferson Medical College and at the university's Graduate School of Medicine. He was also a Fellow of the American Medical Association and holder of a certificate from the American Board of Ophthalmology.

He was a member of the University Club, the Merion Cricket Club and St. Andrew's Society. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Hancock Langdon, and a daughter, Charlotte.

Overbrook Park Marks Labor Day

A Labor Day picnic in Penn Wynne Park is being planned by the Overbrook Park-In-Wynnewood Civic Association, it was announced recently by Nels Johnson, association president.

A children's contest will open the festivities at 10 A. M., followed by a picnic luncheon at noon and a series of sports events for children and adults in the afternoon. A variety of prizes will be awarded.

The activities will wind up with an entertainment program in the auditorium of the Overbrook Park Presbyterian Church.

Led by general chairman John Marzucco, the committee in charge includes Frank Beausang, children's parade; Ernest Thornton, sports; George Scadding and Johnson, co-chairmen of the picnic committee.

400 Sign Protests Against Taproom In Center of Town

Expect More Signatures by Friday; Object to Lack of Public Hearing On Proposal; Contend No Visible Notice Was Posted on Building

Nearly 400 Narberth residents, aroused by the prospect of a new taproom almost in the center of town, have signed two petitions which were circulated by Borough officials this week.

Cynwyd Child Killed Instantly By Falling Stump

Rotted Wood Narrowly Misses Two Others On Wednesday Morning

A five-year-old Cynwyd girl was killed instantly Wednesday morning when a seven-foot rotted tree stump fell on her as she was playing in the backyard of her home.

Gay Liversidge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Liversidge, of 202 Cynwyd Rd., Cynwyd, was pronounced dead on arrival at Bryn Mawr Hospital where she was taken by the Narberth Volunteer Medical Service Corps ambulance.

Neighbors said a group of about five children had been playing around the stump which is at the far end of the Liversidge backyard. They had apparently been hammering at it with croquet mallets, shortly before it gave way. It broke off at the base and fell on Gay who was standing in front of it. Hearing the screams of the children, Mrs. Liversidge, of 200 Cynwyd Rd., rushed from her kitchen. Mrs. Liversidge, who had been on the second floor of her home arrived shortly afterwards.

Mrs. Warren called Dr. Joseph C. Eichman, of 8 Newfield Way, Bala-Cynwyd, who in turn called the Narberth ambulance.

The stump, which was rotten to the core, narrowly missed two other children, Chippy Liversidge, 9, and Jimmie Warren, 4.

Mr. Liversidge is superintendent of the Southwark Station of the Philadelphia Electric Company, the child's grandfather, Horace Liversidge, of "Dalreyn" Lafayette Rd., Bryn Mawr, is chairman of the Board of the Philadelphia Electric Company.

In addition to her parents and brother, the child is survived by another brother, Richard, 8, and a sister, Polly, 7.

New Teacher Appointed To Narberth School

W. J. Drennen, principal of the Narberth Public School, announced this week the appointment of Miss Jacqueline MacVeagh, of Coatesville, to the school faculty.

Miss MacVeagh will take the place of Miss Dorothy Maier, who is now teaching in Elkins Park. A graduate of West Chester State Teachers College, Miss MacVeagh formerly taught at the Yardley, Pa., School. She will start at Narberth when the school opens September 7.

Television Benefit Is Postponed Until October

Frank Rossetti, treasurer of the Narberth Italian-American Citizens Club, announced this week that the television benefit set has been postponed until October 15.

Originally scheduled for September 15, it has been necessary to postpone the benefit until the Fund Raising committee can complete the returns.

Proceeds of the benefit will go toward the building of the new club house on Iona Ave.

Kiwanis Directors To Meet Tuesday

The Board of Directors of the Main Line Kiwanis Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening at 5:30, at the Conestoga Mill Inn, Bryn Mawr.

The meeting will be followed by dinner and an evening program, which will include the showing of a movie on Hawaii and the Pineapple Industry. Chairman for the program has been listed as Clarence Wilkinson.

RETURNS TO PULPIT

Dr. Allen MacLachlan Frew, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, will return to the pulpit this Sunday after a six-week vacation in Culver, Indiana.

Wynnewood Man's Japanese Dog "Lucky" Dies of Accident Injuries

"Lucky," a Japanese dog owned by Col. Otto M. Low, was struck by an automobile Sunday at Lancaster Ave. and Wynnewood Rd., a few blocks from the Low home at 604 Ballymore Rd.

Taken to the Ardmore Animal Hospital, 31 9E. Lancaster Ave., by Lower Merion Township police sergeant George Kramer, he died there when the colonel was transferred to Philadelphia last December. Police said the driver of the car which struck "Lucky" was Aaron Gills, of Jeannette, Pa.

The petitions, drawn up by Henry A. Frye, Borough solicitor, were signed by over 300 residents by Wednesday and officials stated that several hundred more signatures were expected by the 4 P. M. Friday deadline.

The first petition drawn up is in objection to the fact that no hearing was scheduled by the State Liquor Board when the application for a permit to open a taproom at 401 Essex Ave. was presented in Harrisburg.

The second petition states the residents' objection to the fact that no visible notice was posted on the building in which the new taproom will be housed.

Four copies each of the two petitions have been circulated throughout the Borough during the week, with an additional copy available at the Borough office in Elm Hall. Frye stated that according to law, each resident could sign only one of the two petitions.

The petitions were drawn up by Frye last week at the request of Richard L. Miller, Narberth Borough standing in front of it. Hearing the screams of the children, Mrs. Liversidge, of 200 Cynwyd Rd., rushed from her kitchen. Mrs. Liversidge, who had been on the second floor of her home arrived shortly afterwards.

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The petitions have the endorsement of Borough Council members who were contacted individually by Frye. Council cannot act on the petitions until it meets as a body September 13.

Frye will present the petitions in Harrisburg next week and will ask for a rehearing of the applications. So that the protests of the residents may be heard.

Local Men Enter Fishing Contest Will Represent Rod and Gun Club at Long Beach

Four Narberth residents will be among six members of the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club to represent the local group at the Second Annual Long Beach Island Club Fishing Contest, to be held Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, it was announced this week.

The six representatives include J. A. Miller, Sr., and J. A. Miller, Jr., of 111 Forrest Ave.; Ernest Jenkins, of 200 Sannie Ave.; Walter Miesen, of 832 Montgomery Ave., all of Narberth; Ed Barth, of Manna; and Walter Johnston, of Roxborough.

The team amassing the greatest number of points during the two fishing sessions will be awarded a television set, while Ocean City reels will be presented to all members of teams placing first, second and third.

The individual catching the greatest number of fish, and the angler capturing the largest fish, will each receive a traveling bag.

Points will be awarded according to a prearranged schedule for all fish caught. For some species, the length of the fish will count toward the scores, while for others the weight will determine the point value.

